

**ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE** Sept. 24, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Leadership Development

**SUBMITTED BY:** René X. Diaz

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Leadership is one of Superintendent Horne's initiatives and AZ LEADS was formed to specifically address the issue of the diminishing numbers of individuals willing to apply for school administrative positions throughout the state. In December 2004, The Wallace Foundation awarded the Arizona Department of Education a three-year, \$3.6 million grant to develop the capacity of school leaders. Seven school districts and 27 schools were in the original grant and last year three districts and ten schools were added. For the 2007-08 school year, the focus of the grant will be on novice principals and superintendents.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** ☐ INFORMATION ☐ ACTION/DESCRIBED  
**BELOW:**

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES ☐ NO ☐